

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration of the above-mentioned application in view of the foregoing amendments and following discussion.

1. Claims 36 – 40, 118, 127 – 131 and 133 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,534,010 (Peterson). Claims 36 – 40, 118, 127 – 131 and 133 have been cancelled, without prejudice.
2. Claims 42, 47, 49, 120 – 122, 124, 125, and 132 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peterson. Claims 42, 47, 49, 120 – 122, 124, 125, and 132 have been cancelled, without prejudice.
3. Claims 50 – 54 and 134 – 138 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peterson in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,234,462 (Pavletic). Claims 50 – 54 and 134 – 138 have been cancelled, without prejudice.
4. Claim 48 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Peterson in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,449,340 (Tollini). Claim 48 has been cancelled, without prejudice.
5. Allowance of claims 33 – 35, 43 – 46 and 106 – 117 is noted and appreciated. Although claim 126 is not specifically mentioned in the Detailed Action, Applicant notes that claim 126 is listed as allowed in the Office Action Summary. Since claim 126 depends from an allowed claim, Applicant asserts that claim 126 is in condition for allowance.
6. Although the Applicant disagrees with the Examiner's construction of the terminology used in the claims and as applied to the Peterson reference, the rejected claims have been cancelled, without prejudice. Applicant submits new claims 139 – 160, inclusive, which are believed to more clearly set forth and clarify the features of the present invention. No new matter has been added. Further, claims 139 – 160, inclusive are believed to overcome the cited art, namely Peterson and Pavletic and to present patentable material. Specifically, claims 139 – 160 include features that are neither shown nor claimed in the cited references.

Applicant respectfully requests that newly added claims 139 - 160, inclusive, be passed to allowance along with claims 33 - 35, inclusive, 43 - 46, inclusive, 106 - 117, inclusive, and 126.

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